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Name of School:	Date of Inspection:
Vocational Program/Course/Room:	Signature of Inspector:

**PESTICIDES  
SELF INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

**Guidelines:** This checklist covers the some of the regulations issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE) under the Pesticide Control Code (N.J.A.C. 7:30) and the New Jersey Department of Community of Affairs (NJDCa) Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.34). It applies to the use of pesticides in occupational programs. Definitions of underlined terms are provided at the end of the checklist to help you understand some of the questions. Some questions have no code reference. These questions are provided as recommended good practice.

<u>Restricted Use Pesticides</u>		<u>Please Circle</u>
1.	Are only teachers and personnel qualified by training and certification permitted to apply <u>restricted use pesticides</u> ? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-6.2(a)]	Y N N/A DK
2.	Is there a separate storage area for pesticides and is it locked when unattended, and the windows tight, barred or boarded over? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(a) & (d)]	Y N N/A DK
3.	Is the storage area properly ventilated to prevent buildup of noxious fumes? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(d)]	Y N N/A DK
4.	Are herbicides stored separately from other pesticides?	Y N N/A DK

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5. Is there a separate space to store pesticides? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(d) and 5:18-3.34(b)1iv] Y N N/A DK

Note: N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(d) only applies to restricted use pesticides.

6. Is the pesticide storage area restricted to a first-story room or area which has direct access to the outside? [N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.34(b)1iv] Y N N/A DK

7. Are all pesticides kept in this storage area rather than in a garage, basement, refrigerator or other areas accessible to unauthorized persons? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(a)] Y N N/A DK

Note: N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(a) only applies to restricted use pesticides.

8. Are there signs on the storage area indicating there are pesticides stored inside? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(a) and 5:18-3.34(b)3] Y N N/A DK

Note: N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(a) only applies to restricted use pesticides.

9. Do all pesticide containers used for storage have a complete readable registered label? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.5(a)] Y N N/A DK

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| 10. | Do all pesticide service containers have a copy of the registered label or a readable label with the following information: 1) Brand or trade name; 2) EPA registration number; 3) Name and percentage of active ingredient(s) in the service container; and 4) Appropriate signal work; that is, Danger-Poison, Warning, or Caution? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.5(b)] | Y N N/A DK |
| 11. | Do you keep a list, separate from the storage area, of all pesticides stored? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(b)]   | Y N N/A DK |
| 12. | Is there a material safety data sheet available for each pesticide at each storage location? [N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.34(b)2]  | Y N N/A DK |
| 13. | Does the fire department have a copy of this list? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.4(b)]  | Y N N/A DK |
| 14. | Do you check periodically for leaking containers?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 15. | Are damage or leaking containers immediately separated and disposed of in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy regulations? [N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.34(b)1vi]   | Y N N/A DK |
| 16. | Are pesticides stored in the original container rather than in milk jugs, soda bottles or other containers commonly used for food or drink? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.5(c)]   | Y N N/A DK |

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17. Do you carefully read the label before mixing and applying the pesticide? Y N N/A DK

Note: No person shall use or apply a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its federal or state registered label or labeling. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-10.2(a)]

18. Do you make note of the safety precautions and antidotes before mixing and applying the pesticide? Y N N/A DK

19. Do you read the label to see what protective clothing you should wear? Y N N/A DK

Note: All persons using pesticides must be provided appropriate safety equipment in good working order. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.7(c)]

20. Do you know how to use the protective equipment recommended on the label? Y N N/A DK

Note: All persons using pesticides must be provided training in the proper operation of safety equipment. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.7(c)]

21. Do you clean and maintain your protective equipment regularly and often? Y N N/A DK

22. Do you check your protective equipment for wear-and-tear before each use? Y N N/A DK

23. Do you know what to do if you spill a pesticide on yourself while mixing? Y N N/A DK

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| 24. | Do you wear adequate footgear with your pant cuffs on the outside so pesticides won't run into your footgear?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 25. | Do you have sawdust, vermiculite, kitty litter or other absorbent material on hand to soak up spills?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 26. | Do you have a list of emergency numbers to call in case of an accidental spill? Call the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy Hotline to report a spill (609) 292-7172. | Y N N/A DK |

Note: A spill of a pesticide must be reported immediately to the NJDEPE Hotline. In addition, a written report must follow. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.14(b)]

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| 27. | Is your application equipment well maintained and calibrated so it doesn't leak or dispense the improper amount of pesticide? [N.J.A.C. 7:30-9.7(a) & (b)] | Y N N/A DK |
| 28. | Do you avoid draining leftover spray mix on the ground?  | Y N N/A DK |

Note: No person shall clean or rinse containers or application equipment which holds or has held a pesticide in a manner that causes harm, injury or damage to persons, property or the environment, or a significant risk of harm, injury or damage. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-10.3(g)]

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| 29. | Do you rinse each "empty" liquid container at least three times and return the rinsate into the tank? | Y N N/A DK |
| 30. | Do you keep used containers in the storage area until disposed of?                                    | Y N N/A DK |

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| 31. | Do you collect every container, for disposal or storage, before leaving an application site?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 32. | Do you dispose of all pesticide containers and unused pesticides in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy regulations? (See "Hazardous Waste" checklist) | Y N N/A DK |
| 33. | Do you puncture, break or crush containers before disposal so they cannot be reused?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 34. | Do you keep your spray equipment clean so that those touching it will not be contaminated?  | Y N N/A DK |
| 35. | Do you always release pressure on your equipment so spray guns won't be accidentally triggered?   | Y N N/A DK |
| 36. | Do you check the wind direction and speed and the area downwind before applying pesticides?   | Y N N/A DK |

Note: No person shall make an application of a pesticide to a target site in such a manner or under such conditions that drift or other movement of the pesticide, which is avoidable through reasonable precautions, infringes on a non-target site. [N.J.A.C. 7:30-10.3(f)]

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| 37. | Do you consider substituting a less toxic chemical if you are spraying near a sensitive area? | Y N N/A DK |
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38. Do you check for the possibility of showers and damaging runoff before applying pesticides? Y N N/A DK

Note: No person shall apply pesticides in a manner that causes harm, injury or damage to persons, property or the environment, or a significant risk of harm, injury or damage.  
[N.J.A.C. 7:30-10.3(c)]

39. Do you plan your pesticide application so it will have little or no effect on bees, birds, fish or other wildlife? Y N N/A DK
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Definitions:

Restricted Use Pesticide means any pesticide or pesticide use so classified under the provision of N.J.A.C. 7:30-2.1 et seq., or so classified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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